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In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A ~~container, especially a returnable-~~ reusable container with comprising a container bottom and side walls that are attached thereto in an articulated manner and can be folded down in the direction of the container bottom, so that the side walls can be folded down onto the container bottom for transport and storage when the container is empty and locked to each other when they are in the upright position, ~~where the~~ wherein interlock devices ~~on a~~ on at least one side wall in each case consist of comprising a pressure lever (4) that can be folded down in the ~~a~~ direction of towards the container bottom, the pressure lever being provided with a locking hook (22) ~~that in the~~ that, when the side walls are in an upright position of the side walls position, overlaps with a locking hook (17, 23) of a locking catch (12) on the side wall adjacent ~~at the container corner-~~ to the at least one side wall in order to interlock the side walls, ~~characterized in that-~~ wherein the locking catch in the side wall is ~~supported and/or designed with such-~~ includes spring-like elastic characteristics and with a locking protuberance that projects inwards from the ~~an~~ interior face of the side wall as to assure that the locking catch (12) will build up an elastic return force when it is pressed outwards due to ~~the swivelling-~~ rotation of the pressure lever.

2. (currently amended) A container in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pressure lever (4) is provided with a gripping part including a tongue (7) that ~~continues its gripping part (5) and of which the-~~ having an inner edge (11) that acts as a releasing edge that makes contact with ~~the~~ a part (21) of the adjacent side wall that is set back with respect to the locking protuberance of the locking catch (12), ~~which preferably consists of~~ a locking strip (15) and is provided as releasing part to displace the locking catch (in the direction of the arrow G).

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3. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~claim 1 or claim 2~~ claim 20, ~~characterized in that wherein the tongue-like locking catches are in each case provided with~~ catch includes a lead-in ramp (16) that runs obliquely inwards.

4. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein the lead-in ramp (16) and/or the oblique surface (16)~~ connects with the locking strip (15) and/or the locking protuberance.

5. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 20, ~~characterized in that wherein the locking catch (12) is provided at its free end with a~~ section (21) that is set back with respect to the locking strip (15) and/or the locking protuberance.

6. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 5, ~~characterized in that wherein the free end of the locking catch (12) is designed as a~~ hook ~~(23)~~.

7. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein the locking catch (12) is situated in the manner of~~ comprises a resilient tongue within an opening (19) of the side wall (3) and with its edges delimits a preferably narrow slot (13) between it and the side wall on both sides sides.

8. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein the locking catch (12) has its spring-like elastic property~~ characteristics determined by ~~the~~ a length of the tongue, ~~the~~ the thickness of the tongue, ~~the~~ a width of the tongue and/or ~~the~~ a thickness of ~~the~~ an articulation point (14) between the tongue and the side wall.

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9. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that ~~the~~ a spring force of the locking catch (12) is matched with the pressure lever in such a manner that when the pressure lever (4) is manually and swivelled rotated, the locking catch (12) will be pressed outward (~~direction of the arrow G~~) to release the an interlock of the locking catch and the pressure lever.

10. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pressure lever (4) is joined to the side wall (1) in an articulated manner by means of two narrow webs.

11. (currently amended) A container in accordance with claim 10, characterized in that the a tongue (7) of the pressure lever extends between the narrow webs ~~(6)~~.

12. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 10, ~~characterized in that the articulation point (14) of~~ wherein the webs on the side wall define an articulation point that constitutes the a center of rotation centre and swivelling point of the pressure lever ~~(4)~~.

13. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the articulation point (14) ~~is designed with~~ comprises a dome-shaped ~~gripping part (20) and or pressing part~~ part.

14. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the releasing inner edge (11) ~~for displacing the locking catch (12) is designed in such a manner as to protrude~~ protrudes inwards as compared with the pressure lever (4) and the tongue (7) ~~that continues the gripping part (5) (lever effect)~~.

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15. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the releasing edge (11) is constituted by the free end of a web (24) that projects preferably in a substantially orthogonal direction ~~(lever effect)~~.

16. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that ~~the~~ a free end of the ~~tongue (7) of the~~ pressure lever (4) is designed as a locking hook or comprises locking catch that ~~overlaps (engages)~~ engages with the locking hook (23) and the locking catch (12) in ~~the~~ an upright position.

17. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a front edge of the locking catch is designed with a back taper (25) for interlocking with ~~the~~ a protruding edge (22) of the pressure lever ~~(22)~~.

18. (currently amended) A container in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the locking catch (12) back taper tapers back at an angle α ~~of between~~ between 3° and 20° , ~~preferably between 5 and 15°~~, and that ~~the~~ an edge of the pressure lever with which it interlocks is designed with a complementary oblique face ~~(25)~~.

19. (new) A container in accordance with claim 18, wherein the back taper tapers at an angle of between 5° and 15° .

20. (new) A container in accordance with claim 2, wherein the locking catch includes a locking strip.